

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 94-766-E – ORDER NO. 98-1031  
DECEMBER 29, 1998

IN RE: Request of Carolina Power & Light Company ) ORDER REMOVING  
for Approval of Incremental Power Service ) EXPERIMENTAL STATUS  
(Experimental) Rider IPS-2. ) AND REMOVING  
 ) CUSTOMER LIMIT

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This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) on the request of Carolina Power & Light Company (“CP&L”) to remove the experimental status for Incremental Power Service Rider IPS.

By its request dated November 25, 1998, CP&L states that it wishes to remove the experimental status from Incremental Power Service Rider IPS, to offer the Incremental Power Service Rider IPS on an on-going basis, and to remove the twenty-five customer limit from the Incremental Power Service Rider IPS. CP&L states that no other changes are being requested of the Incremental Power Service Rider IPS.

Incremental Power Service Rider IPS was initially approved by the Commission on March 15, 1995, in Order No. 95-615 and was subsequently extended by Commission Order No. 96-883 dated December 30, 1996. CP&L states that the Incremental Power Service Rider IPS has proven to be an effective tool in affording customers an alternative to controlling their electric costs. CP&L also offers that Incremental Power Service Rider IPS enhances CP&L’s capacity utilization and encourages economic growth within the CP&L service area.

S.C. Code Ann. §58-27-870(F) provides in relevant part that “the Commission may allow rates or tariffs to be put into effect without notice and hearing upon order of the Commission when such rates or tariffs do not require a determination of the entire rate structure and overall rate of return, or when the rates or tariffs do not result in any rate increase to the electrical utility.” The Commission believes that the instant request meets these criteria, thereby allowing the Commission to approve, without notice and hearing, the removal of the experimental status from Incremental Power Service Rider IPS.

Upon consideration of the record and the material submitted by CP&L, the Commission finds and concludes that the experimental status should be removed from Incremental Power Service Rider IPS. The Commission finds and concludes that removal of the experimental status is in the public interest. However, the Commission reserves all determinations regarding the appropriate ratemaking treatment resulting from Incremental Power Service Rider IPS for a future rate proceeding or for such other time as the Commission deems appropriate.

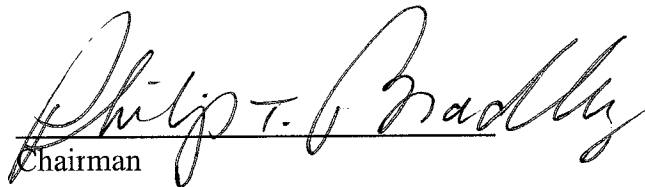
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The experimental status is hereby removed from Incremental Power Service Rider IPS.
2. CP&L is authorized to offer the Incremental Power Service Rider IPS on an on-going basis.
3. The twenty-five customer limitation is removed from the Incremental Power Service Rider IPS.

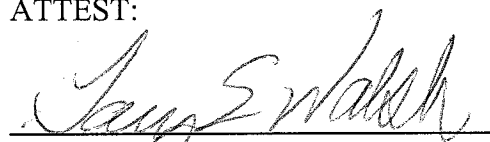
4. All determinations regarding the appropriate ratemaking treatment resulting from the incremental Power service Rider IPS are reserved for a future ratemaking proceeding or for such other time as the Commission deems appropriate.

5. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

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